



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98-593-E)

In re the Application of:

Peshkin et al.

Serial No. 09/781,686

Filed: February 12, 2001

Title: HUB FOR A MODULAR  
INTELLIGENT ASSIST SYSTEM

Examiner: Jeffrey A. Shapiro

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 10, 2002**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 10, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. The response is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendment**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A multi-function hub for use in an assist system, comprising:
- a physical interface;
- programmable logic for implementing program controlled functions; and